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SUBJECT: Monitoring of DOST-BC approved contained use and confined test projects

All Applicants and Institutional Biosafety Committees (IBCs) are informed of the following guidelines with regard to the monitoring and reporting activities related to the use of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) under contained use and confined test conditions:

1. Monitoring for biosafety compliance of all on-going projects shall be conducted by the IBC;
2. Transfer/movement of transgenic plant materials from one institution to another shall be supervised by the IBC and under guarded by a representative from the Bureau of Plant Industry - Plant Quarantine Service of the Department of Agriculture;
 - 2.1. Transfer of materials from one Institution to the another institution must be approved by the DOST-BC;
 - 2.2. Report on the transfer shall be submitted by the IBC to the DOST-BC not more than five (5) days after the conduct of the activity. The report shall include the following:
 - 2.2.1. Copy of duly signed material transfer agreement; and
 - 2.2.2. Inventory of materials transferred;
3. Transfer/movement of transgenic materials within the institution shall be supervised by the IBC;
 - 3.1. DOST-BC must be informed of the schedule of transfer.
 - 3.2. Facility or storage area where the transgenic material is to be transferred must be approved by the DOST-BC.
 - 3.3. Inventory of stored transgenic materials should be maintained and made available for inspection of the DOST-BC.
4. IBC reports must be submitted not more than five (5) days after the conduct of the monitoring activity for review of the DOST-BC; and
5. The DOST-BC may conduct random/surprise visits during the project implementation.

Please be guided accordingly.

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